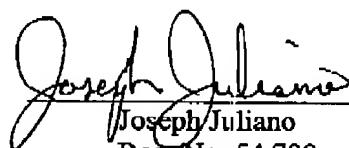


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REMARKS

Claims 1, 2, 19, and 20 have been amended to clarify the subject matter in accordance with the agreements reached during the telephonic interviews on May 20, 2004 and May 26, 2004. A notice of allowance is respectfully requested. Should the examiner have any questions or concerns, please contact Joseph Juliano at (858) 678-4774.

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